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**CHINESE ROAD
CONSTRUCTION CAMPS
IN NORTHERN LAOS**

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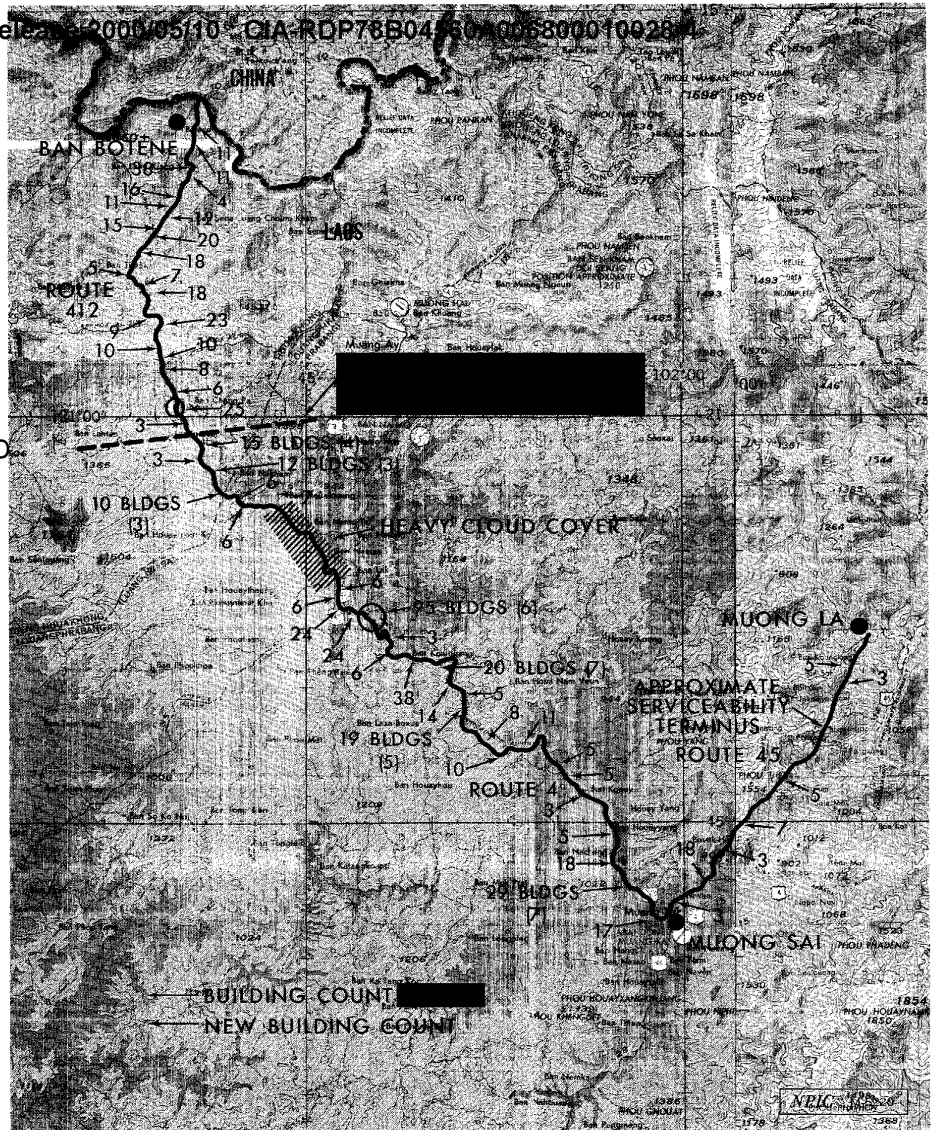
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There has been a significant increase since [REDACTED] in the number of Chinese construction camps and support facilities along the Ban Botene, Muong Sai, Muong La road construction segments of Routes 412, 4 and 45 in northern Laos. Most of the southernmost 52 neautical miles (nm) of road is observed on photography of [REDACTED]. The building count along this segment [REDACTED] has sharply increased since [REDACTED] when only 140 were evident. There are now more than 480 buildings in 36 active camps. Two of the original 17 camps have been deleted, seven remain relatively unchanged, and eight have increased in size. The 20 camps on the 15-nm road segment north of 21-00N bring the total along the entire road to 56. These contain at least 750 buildings.

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